

Thoughts on new team members, redistricting and the Plunge

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One of the things we strive to do well in District 2 is meet your needs, answer your questions and resolve your problems.

Whether it's a pothole, graffiti or a storm drain, we're here every day helping you reach positive solutions at your home, on your street and in your neighborhood.

That's why we take great care in selecting community representatives who serve District 2. I believe I have the best staff among City Council offices, and I am extremely proud of our newest community reps.

I would like to introduce you Katherine Miles and Ian Clampett, both of whom you may have already met at community meetings. Katherine and Ian are smart, talented and very helpful. Please don't hesitate to lean on either when you have an issue with the City.

Michael Patton, who joined the team several months ago after working as intern in the office, is your contact if you live or work in Point Loma, Ocean Beach and Midway/North Bay.

Katherine is the community representative for Pacific Beach, Mission Beach and La Jolla/Mount Soledad.

Katherine has been a resident of the San Diego area since 2004 when she started as a freshman at University of California San Diego. At UCSD, Katherine was a political science major with a minor in economics. Katherine earned her master's degree in education from UCLA and taught 7th grade English and 9th grade special education. Katherine enjoys reading and golfing in her spare time.

Ian is the community representative for Bankers Hill/Park West, Mission Hills and Old Town.

A native San Diegan, Ian earned a bachelor's degree in political science from the University of California, San Diego. Prior to joining the District 2 team, Ian volunteered in numerous State Assembly offices and worked in government affairs for Bridgepoint Education. He enjoys surfing, snowboarding and playing music.

You can email Katherine at KMiles@sandiego.gov, Ian at IClampett@sandiego.gov, and Michael at mpatton@sandiego.gov. You also can call the office to reach them: 619.236.6622.

Redistricting: Dividing Point Loma is a non-starter

In related District 2 news, I want to assure you that I am strongly opposed to a proposed redistricting plan that would split Point Loma into two City Council districts. That proposal, along with all the others, is preliminary, but I want you to know I do not see an ounce of wisdom in dividing Point Loma into two separate districts.

The San Diego City Charter requires that the City be redistricted at least once every 10 years. The Charter calls for creation of a 7-member Redistricting Commission, which has sole and exclusive authority to

adopt the City's redistricting plan that sets the boundaries of City Council districts.

This year, in response to a vote of the people, the Redistricting Commission will add a new council district and divide the City into nine council districts. The Commission is expected to file a preliminary redistricting plan soon. It will then conduct several post-map public hearings and finalize the plan this September. That plan is subject to referendum.

I encourage you to get involved. As I mentioned, one of the preliminary maps splits Point Loma in half.

Meetings are typically held on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays of each month at 4 p.m. on the 12th floor of City Hall. If you have questions or concerns, you can call or email the commission: 619-533-3060 and redistricting_2010@saniego.gov.

The Plunge

Several of you have contacted my office to ask me about the Plunge.

I am committed to finding a swift, responsible and positive solution. The Plunge and Belmont Park are San Diego icons that attract tens of thousands of people every summer.

We're talking about seven very important waterfront acres in Mission Beach. It's clean, safe and family-friendly. I want it to stay that way.

I want the Plunge open. I also want to make sure San Diego taxpayers are getting a fair deal.

Faulconer is San Diego City Council President Pro Tem and represents District 2, which includes Point Loma, Ocean Beach, Mission Beach and Pacific Beach.